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SUBJECT: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS PRELIMINARY TO UNSSOD THIRD  
PREPCOM-MEETING OF WESTERN DELEGATIONS (BARTON GROUP).

1. SUMMARY: CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BARTON CALLED MEETING FOR AUGUST 23 OF INFORMAL GROUP OF WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING, IN ADDITION TO CANADA, ATTENDEES FROM US, UK, FRG, ITALY, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, TURKEY, IRELAND, NORWAY, JAPAN, BELGIUM, GREECE, PORTUGAL AND NEW ZEALAND TO DISCUSS BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ISSUES WHICH MAY ARISE DURING FORMAL THIRD PREPCOM SESSIONS. DRAFTING GROUP WAS ASKED TO TRY TO WRITE PAPER ON "MAJOR HEADINGS" FOR SSOD DOCUMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE GROUP DISCUSSED BRIEFLY PROCEDURAL ISSUES INCLUDING DATES AND DURATION OF SSOD, LOCATION (IN VIEW OF FACT THAT UNGA HALL MAY BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEXT SPRING), AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. GROUP WAS FLEXIBLE ON SPECIFIC DATES; UK SUGGESTED THAT FOUR-WEEK PERIOD WAS REASONABLE TIME TO ALLOW FOR GENERAL DEBATE AND COMMITTEE WORK, AND NO OBJECTIONS OR ALTERNATIVES WERE RAISED. THORNY QUESTION OF VENUE OF  
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CONFERENCE, SHOULD HALL BE UNAVAILABLE, WOULD BE REFERRED TO CAPITALS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. MOST REPRESENTATIVES AGREED IF GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL WERE NOT AVAILABLE AND CONFERENCE RELEGATED TO COMMITTEE ROOMS OF UN, THIS WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR SSOD, GIVING APPEARANCE OF DOWNGRADING CONFERENCE, AND WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO GAIN PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN MINISTRIES

OR HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. (PREPCOM CHAIRMAN HAS TOLD US HE IS EXPECTING EARLY REPORT FROM SECRETARY ON STATUS OF PLAN RE UNGA HALL.)

3. REGARDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF SSOD, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT A PROLIFERATION OF DRAFTING COMMITTEES TO WORK DURING THE SSOD WAS NOT DESIREABLE. US (HIRSCH) NOTED THAT NUMBER OF COMMITTEES WAS RELATED TO NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCED, AND RAISED POSSIBILITY THAT FIRST AGENDA ITEM "REVIEW AND APPRAISAL" NEED NOT GENERATE A FINAL DOCUMENT, BUT COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THE GENERAL DEBATE. AUSTRALIA SUGGESTED THAT AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 4, PROGRAM OF ACTION AND MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT, MIGHT USEFULLY BE COMBINED INTO ONE DOCUMENT. IRELAND SUGGESTED THAT SINGLE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP MIGHT BE SET UP TO COORDINATE WORK OF DRAFTING SSOD DOCUMENTS. EACH OF THESE IDEAS WILL BE FLOATED DURING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED AND EASTERN EUROPEANS TO SEE IF CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED.

4. CHAIRMAN THEN PROCEEDED TO CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND SOLICITED US VIEWS ON OBJECTIVES OF SSOD. US REP (WEILER) NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER VARIOUS SUGGESTION RE DECLARATIONS OF PRINCIPLES BEFORE REACHING AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT PRIORITY OBJECTIVE OF SSOD BEYOND AGREEMENT OF DOCUMENTED OFFICIAL USE

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MENTS, WOULD BE TO STIMULATE REAPPRAISAL BY GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR DISARMAMENT EFFORTS AND GENERATE NEW IDEAS, APPROACHES AND INITIATIVES. WEILER ASKED FOR VIEWS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON WHAT THEY SAW AS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SSOD.

5. AUSTRALIAN BELIEVED OBJECTIVES SHOULD INCLUDE 1) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON A REALISTIC SET OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT PRINCIPLES, 2) ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM OF ACTION TO WHICH ALL COUNTRIES, NOT JUST NWS, COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, AND 3) AN OPPORTUNITY TO "TUNE UP" MULTILATERAL MACHINERY (CCD AND UN). FOCUS OF SSOD SHOULD BE NOT THE PAPERS THEMSELVES BUT THE REORIENTATION OF NATIONAL VIEWS WHICH WOULD GO INTO THEIR PREPARATION. CANADA, AGREED, BUT ADDED THAT ONE NON-ALIGNED DESIRE WAS TO OBTAIN COMMITMENTS FROM THE SUPER POWERS TO A NEW SET OF PRINCIPLES AND A REALISTIC PROGRAM OF ACTION.

6. UK REP (BURNS) INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT SSOD WOULD INVOLVE MORE THAN THE CONTAINMENT OF THIRD WORLD CRITICISM AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, BUT RATHER, ENCOURAGE OTHER COUNTRIES TO AGREE ON RE-

GIONAL OR BILATERAL BASES TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND PROMOTE STABILITY.

7. THE GROUP AGREED TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN ENDED DRAFTING GROUP OF WESTERN COUNTRIES TO DRAFT A PAPER ON "CATEGORIES" OF PRINCIPLES (MAJOR "HEADINGS") AND ENCOURAGED MEMBERS ALSO TO FLOAT THEIR IDEAS ON PRINCIPLES INDIVIDUALLY, TO GIVE THE NON-ALIGNED A PRELIMINARY IDEA OF WESTERN THINKING. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS PROCESS SHOULD GO FORWARD ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. BEGIN FYI: US DEL DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE LEAD IN DRAFT GROUP ACTIVITIES BUT WILL OBSERVE ITS WORK, AND, PERHAPS, COMMENT ON SUGGESTED FORMULATIONS. END FYI.

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